While there have been some incidents of thefts of iron and steel materials from Bokaro Steel Plant, no incidents of thefts of good quality steel worth crores of rupees have been reported.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Minimum Price Support Scheme of NAFED for Cultivation of Pulses

682. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK:Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that minimum price support scheme offered by NAFED has been discontinued resulting in injustice being done to the farmers undertaking pulses cultivation; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to reinstate the minimum price support to the farmers and also to cover the pulse crop under crop insurance scheme to cover all risks of crop failure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) No, Sir. NAFED continues to be the Central Nodal Agency for procurement of pulses under the Price Support Scheme. NAFED makes purchases as and when the prices fall below the declared support price level.

(b) The question of re-instatement of minimum price support scheme for pulses does not arise in view of what is stated in (a) above. Regarding covering of pulses under crop insurance scheme, the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme covers pulses. also providing for insurance cover against natural calamities like drought, floods etc., to farmers who avail themselves of crop loans from credit institutions i.e. Cooperative, Commercial Banks and Regional Rural Banks.

Prime Minister's Assurance on the Delhi Rent Bill

683. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND: DR. RANBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister had assured an all party delegation to look into various aspects of the Delhi Rent Bill as passed by both Houses of Parliament;

(b) if so, what specific points/issues were raised by the delegation; and

(c) what is Government's decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) A delegation led by Chief Minister, Delhi met the Prime Minister and suggested various changes in the Delhi Rent Bill, 1995. It is seen from a report of an all-party committee subsequently sent by the Chief Minister to the Prime Minister that the changes suggested relate mainly to deemed rent, registration of tenancy agreement, inheritability of tenancy, rates of enhancement of rent and recovery of possession of premises.

(c) The matter is under consideration of Government.

आपरेशन ब्लैकबोर्ड योजना के अन्तर्गत राज्यों को सहायता

684. श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव: क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) राज्यों में प्राथमिक और माध्यमिक स्कूलों की कुल निर्माण लागत की कितनी प्रतिशत लागत प्रत्येक राज्य को केन्द्रीय सहायता के रूप में दी गई है;

(ख) "आपरेशन ब्लैकबोर्ड" योजना के अंतर्गत